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For: METHOD FOR )  
DEHYDROGENOFLUORINATION OF )  
AN AROMATIC CARBAMOYL )  
FLUORIDE )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**BOX PCT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend claims 1-15 as follows.

1. (Amended) A dehydrofluorination process to convert an aromatic carbamoyl fluoride to the corresponding isocyanate, comprising subjecting carbamoyl fluoride to a temperature at least equal to 80°C, in a solvent and at a temperature of at least 80°C, wherein said carbamoyl fluoride is in the dissolved or finely dispersed state in the solvent.